

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 43, 44, 51, 52, 59, 60, 67 and 68 without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter recited therein.

Please amend Claims 38-41 as follows.

1.-37. (Cancelled)

38. (Currently Amended) An apparatus for generating additional data used for checking whether an encoded digital image is changed or not, the apparatus comprising:

a calculation unit adapted to perform a predetermined calculation using the encoded digital image and confidential information;

a generating unit coupled to said calculation unit and adapted to generate the additional data using a result of the predetermined calculation and a one-way function, and

a recording unit adapted to record the encoded digital image with the additional data on a recording medium.

39. (Currently Amended) An apparatus for checking whether an encoded digital image is changed or not, the apparatus comprising:

an inputting unit adapted to input the encoded digital image with first additional data used for checking whether the encoded digital image is changed or not;

a calculation unit adapted to perform a predetermined calculation using the encoded digital image and confidential information; and

a generating unit coupled to said calculation unit and adapted to generate second additional data using a result of the predetermined calculation and a one-way function,

wherein said apparatus is adapted to check whether the encoded digital image is changed or not using the first additional data and the second additional data.

40. (Currently Amended) A method for use in an apparatus which generates additional data used for checking whether an encoded digital image is changed or not, the method comprising steps of:

performing a predetermined calculation using the encoded digital image and confidential information;

generating the additional data using a result of the predetermined calculation and a one-way function; and

recording the encoded digital image with the additional data on a recording medium.

41. (Currently Amended) A method for use in an apparatus which checks whether an encoded digital image is changed or not, the method comprising the steps of:

inputting the encoded digital image with first additional data used for checking whether the encoded digital image is changed or not;

performing a predetermined calculation using the encoded digital image and confidential information;

generating second additional data using a result of the predetermined calculation and a one-way function; and

checking whether the encoded digital image is changed or not using the first additional data and the second additional data.

42. (Previously Presented) An apparatus according to claim 38, wherein the additional data is also used for checking integrity of the encoded digital image.

43. - 44. (Cancelled)

45. (Previously Presented) An apparatus according to claim 38, wherein the confidential information is information unique to the apparatus.

46. (Previously Presented) An apparatus according to claim 38, wherein the confidential information is information unique to an external apparatus connected to the apparatus.

47. (Previously Presented) An apparatus according to claim 38, wherein the confidential information includes first information unique to the apparatus, and second information unique to an external apparatus connected to the apparatus.

48. (Previously Presented) An apparatus according to claim 38, wherein the apparatus is an apparatus which operates as a digital camera.

49. (Previously Presented) An apparatus according to claim 38, wherein the apparatus is an apparatus which operates as a scanner.

50. (Previously Presented) An apparatus according to claim 39, wherein the first and second additional data is also used for checking integrity of the encoded digital image.

51. - 52. (Cancelled)

53. (Previously Presented) An apparatus according to claim 39, wherein the confidential information is information unique to an apparatus which generates the first additional information.

54. (Previously Presented) An apparatus according to claim 39, wherein the confidential information is information unique to an external apparatus connected to an apparatus which generates the first additional information.

55. (Previously Presented) An apparatus according to claim 39, wherein the confidential information includes first information unique to an apparatus which generates the first additional information, and second information unique to an external apparatus connected to that apparatus.

56. (Previously Presented) An apparatus according to claim 39, wherein the encoded digital image and additional data are generated in an apparatus which operates as a digital camera.

57. (Previously Presented) An apparatus according to claim 39, wherein the encoded digital image and additional data are generated in an apparatus which operates as a scanner.

58. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 40, wherein the additional data is also used for checking integrity of the encoded digital image.

59 - 60 (Cancelled)

61. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 40, wherein the confidential information is information unique to an apparatus using the method.

62. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 40, wherein the confidential information is information unique to an external apparatus connected to an apparatus using the method.

63. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 40, wherein the confidential information includes first information unique to an apparatus using the

method, and second information unique to an external apparatus connected to that apparatus.

64. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 40, wherein the apparatus is an apparatus which operates as a digital camera.

65. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 40, wherein the apparatus is an apparatus which operates as a scanner.

66. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 41, wherein the first and second additional data is also used for checking integrity of the encoded digital image.

67 - 68 (Cancelled)

69. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 41, wherein the confidential information is information unique to an apparatus which generates the first additional information.

70. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 41, wherein the confidential information is information unique to an external apparatus connected to an apparatus which generates the first additional information.

71. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 41, wherein the confidential information includes first information unique to an apparatus which generates the first additional information, and second information unique to an external apparatus connected to that apparatus.

72. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 41, wherein the encoded digital image and the additional data are generated in an apparatus which operates as a digital camera.

73. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 41, wherein the encoded digital image and additional data generated in an apparatus which operates as a scanner.